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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 901
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Virginia A. (Mrs. David)
Vaughn, Sr.

A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.
She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.
She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks.
She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.
Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.
She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.
She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.
Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:
"Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."
Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

- Proverbs 31

WHEREAS, the members and staff of the Tennessee General Assembly were deeply
saddened to learn of the passing of Virginia A. Vaughn, wife of our own Reverend David
Vaughn, Sr.; and

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WHEREAS, a native of Gallatin, Tennessee, Mrs. Vaughn was born on April 18, 1938, the daughter of Noel and Anna Douglas; and

WHEREAS, Virginia was a popular and highly regarded student at Union High School; and

WHEREAS, she was a devout Christian, serving God faithfully by helping David in his ministry and as an active member of the Peach Valley Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, God called Virginia to be a childcare giver; she answered that important call and served admirably in that role, in a variety of circumstances for the rest of her life; and

WHEREAS, in February of 1966, she married David and for 31 blessed years that marriage was rock-solid, a marriage made in Heaven; and

WHEREAS, friends and families fondly remember Virginia Vaughn for her willingness to care for and nurture any and all children; and

WHEREAS, in the words of the noble message found in Proverbs 22, Verse 6, she firmly believed that if you "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it"; and

WHEREAS, Virginia did an excellent job of raising three children, Josh, Eric and Michelle; nine step-children, Annie Sue, Louise, David, Jr. Barbara, Carolyn, Juanita, Jackie, Shirley, and Elvis, and two of her 43 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Proverbs 11, Verse 16, states "A kind-hearted woman gains respect." Mrs. Vaughn was deeply admired and respected by all persons who were fortunate enough to meet her; and

WHEREAS, she was specially recognized for her admirable work with several awards and honors; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to honor the memory of a very special lady; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-
HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Virginia Vaughn, a humble woman who served
God and David, and is sorely missed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our condolences to David, her family
and friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for
presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.